

Independent Examination of the Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034)

Inspector's response to Council letter dated 13 April 2022

Housing Land Supply

I note that the latest housing land supply report is likely to indicate a 4.3 years' supply of housing. Plans have been found sound elsewhere without being able to demonstrate a five-year supply, subject to a commitment to undertake an early or immediate review. Clearly, this should be the exception rather than the rule for Local Plans. However, this issue need not preclude me from finding the Plan sound, particularly taking into account the circumstances of this Plan and the Government's aim for Councils to have adopted plans in place.

Nutrients

It will be necessary to await the outcome of the further work with NE on this issue before options can be considered for taking the examination forward. I would be grateful if you would keep me updated with regard to timescales for this further work once these become clearer.

Further hearing session on Morden Park / consultation on Policies Map changes

Whilst the nutrients issue is being considered, it is important that the additional hearing session proceeds. A new Inspector is to be appointed to jointly undertake the remainder of the examination with me. You will be informed separately of the name of the Inspector. He will be undertaking the hearing session and will liaise with the Programme Officer to arrange the details of this session.

Consultation should take place on the Policies Map changes as soon as possible and I would be grateful if the Council could set out a timetable for this consultation and share this with me once it is prepared.

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